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### Brethren Library

1. Volume 1, Nos. 1 and 2 of the "Brethren Library," (the first two of the eight booklets) are mailed to all subscribers this week.
2. There will be but four numbers issued during this year instead of eight as announced.
3. The other four will be issued next year.
4. If you have paid for the eight booklets, you will get the four issues of this year and the four of next year.
5. If you have subscribed for the eight booklets and not paid for them, you need send but 25 cents now, and the balance, 25 cents, when the first number of next year's series is issued.
6. If you have subscribed for the eight booklets and not paid for them, please remit 25 cents immediately upon receipt of the two booklets mailed this week.
7. If you prefer to pay for the eight booklets at once, 50 cents, you can do so. You will then get a booklet every three months until you have the eight, including the two which are mailed together.
8. We have kept a careful record of the names and addresses of those who subscribed for the booklets; if you fail to get the two issues mailed this week (Theology of the Communion Service, and Jesus and Society) within a reasonable time, write us concerning the matter.
9. The third number will be ready by time of National Conference. The title is, "Power and the Word," by Brother Rensch.

### How It is Done

Ashland has free delivery of mails. In that part of the town where our office is located but two mails are delivered a day, the first at nine o'clock in the morning, the second in the afternoon. When the morning mail comes in all other work ceases and we at once acknowledge the receipts of all cash, answer every communication, address labels for all orders received, (these are filled and sent out the same day) place on the daybook every item of business the mail may have brought, make all corrections and additions on the mailing list, and file all the letters and cards received. The afternoon mail is treated exactly the same way, except that orders coming in on the afternoon mail can not be filled that day. It will thus be seen that the business of each day is attended to

and correspondence answered the same day on which such business is received. If therefore answers to your letters are not received and your business not attended to within a reasonable time, you may be sure that something has gone wrong, for beginning with the first of August, 1900, we have adopted this rule and we shall adhere to it in every particular, barring sickness and absence from home.

## Personal Mention

Brother Deffenbaugh reports the progress of the work in the congregation at Glenford, Ohio, and writes very encouragingly of the service Brother Burnworth is giving them.

The manuscript for the third in the series of the booklets is in hand, and work on the booklet will begin soon. It is by Brother Rensch and the title is, "The Word and Power." See announcement on this page.

Brother Hugo Paul Wise is certainly a model missionary worker. He does not forget our missionaries, and his remembrance of them is much appreciated. The Lord will bless his labors as he blesses the labors of all his faithful ones.

Brother Furry quotes sixteen reasons why one should attend church on rainy Sundays. Those who take refuge behind a little rain on a Sabbath morning will do well to acquaint themselves with these reasons.

It has been a long time since we have heard from our Brother Forney in the west. There is a communication in this issue from him in which he gives some reasons for small attendance at church worship. We presume that all pastors have had at some time the same difficulties to contend with.

Again we publish an interesting letter from Brother Lichty, Maryport, England. He has ordered a Parallel Gospel sent to a minister in Maryport, concerning whom he promises us something of interest when he returns to this country.

Brother C. Orville Witter is enjoying his work at Winona, and while he is having a good time, he is not at all selfish with the good things he hears and learns. Every week the readers of the paper hear from him. Next week it will be "Life in London," by Mr. Cadmon, of New York, one of the most prominent of the young ministers in the Methodist church.

We acknowledge the receipt from the Fair Haven church, thru Brother Martin, for the Ohio Home Mission, the sum of \$5.80. Also the sum of \$1.50 from Sister Wertz, Crestline, Ohio, to be used where it will do the most good. We place this amount to the Tract Fund, while the \$5.80 will go to home mission work as directed. Both are missionary work.

On Wednesday, August 8, Brother Tombaugh, pastor of the Hagerstown congregation, sailed for Europe from New York harbor. He expects to spend ten weeks abroad, and will therefore miss the National Conference this fall. Brother Tombaugh will doubtless return from his tour with something rich for the readers of this paper. May his journey be both a safe and a profitable one.

Brother Livengood, on his way to Dayton, visited the Chicago mission, and writes very hopefully of the work in that city. He also feels encouraged with the outlook in Dayton, and believes that with proper effort a good strong congregation can be built up in that city. We trust the field will prove sufficiently inviting to keep Brother Livengood there.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the following notices: (1) Call of a meeting of the Brethren Publication Board at the Winona Inn, Thursday evening, August 30; (2) Call of a meeting of the National Mission Board of the Brethren church. (3) Call of a meeting of the Committee on Revision of the National Conference. The meeting of the

Publication Board is called by Brother Tombaugh, President of the Board; the others by Brother Talley, President of the Mission Board and also of the Committee on Revision. There should be a full attendance at all of these meetings. Very important business will come before these Boards each year, and it is the duty of the members of the several Boards to be present and assist in the work.

In the death of Brother Wengart, Fredericksburg, Pa., and Sister Mostoller, Listie, Pa., the church loses two faithful and useful members. Their labors do follow them, and while they rest from these earthly labors, they have entered upon the labors in which angels are engaged. It is a blessed ministry.

Three more confessions at the Chicago mission, making five now waiting the administration of Christian baptism. Our missions should not be allowed to suffer and the work hindered for want of proper financial support. For this work money should be furnished freely and abundantly, and there should be no occasion for the constant appeals for financial aid.

The notice by brother R. R. Teeter a few weeks ago to the members of the National Ministerial Association of the Brethren church, calling attention to the dues which should be paid on or before August 1, should have appeared in the paper the second time, according to Brother Teeter's instructions. We now make personal mention of the fact and trust that all who have thus far failed to send in their 25 cents will do so at once.

Brother Bauman continues to do good work as agent for the Brethren Publication Board. The tract fund to date it will be observed amounts to \$50.06. A separate account in the ledger will be kept for this fund, and all moneys received will be noted at the proper place. The sales of tracts made with these funds will be credited to the fund, while the cost of making the tract will be placed in the other column. In course of time it will support itself and more. There should be, however, as Brother Bauman suggests a free distribution of tracts in some places. Such would be charged to the fund at actual cost. Let the good work go on. Contributions for the department will be gratefully received by the Board and promptly acknowledged.

A card sent to Waterloo, Iowa, for a sample copy of the paper, is made the basis of an article by Brother Gillin on "Behind the Time." The title is well chosen. We had an almost similar experience with a brother a little more than a year ago. He had not read the paper for above four years and did not know that the church was publishing its own Sunday-school literature, nor did he know that the College debt had been paid and that school was in progress. When he learned of the progress that had been made he became much interested, and will now be a subscriber to the EVANGELIST as long as he lives, for he gave us a life subscription for which he paid \$25. Perhaps there are others who would like to become life subscribers. You can be accommodated.

Brother Gillin is making a noble effort to gather statistics of the Brethren church, but he will never be able to complete his work unless all the pastors and officers of the local congregations thru-out the brotherhood will assist him. In this issue, page 16, Brother Gillin gives the names of those who have failed to respond to his request in filling out the blank reports sent to them. The matter is of far more importance than most of our people seem to realize. If you do not have at your command all the information Brother Gillin asks for, give him what you have. Every year the New York Independent gathers the statistics of all the different denominations in the United States, and thus far others have furnished the statistics for the Brethren church. This is not as it should be. Let the Brethren church furnish its own statistics, and write its own history of progress, etc. This is the only way we can bring ourselves intelligently before the world. We trust that Brother Gillin will be able to report every congregation in the brotherhood at the Conference this fall.